

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66559

Akira OOSAWA

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Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No.: 8995

Examiner: Chong R KIM

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING ANOMALOUS SHADOWS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated November 5, 2007. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase claims, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention. In addition, the Examiner unnecessarily comments on the merits of prior submitted arguments which are not necessarily pertinent to the allowability of the claims. Applicant submits that the claims are patentable based on their respective recitations.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to

engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated November 5, 2007.

Further, Applicant herewith requests the Examiner to acknowledge consideration of all the references submitted in the IDS of November 20, 2001. For the Examiner's convenience, a resubmission of the associated SB/08 form is attached.

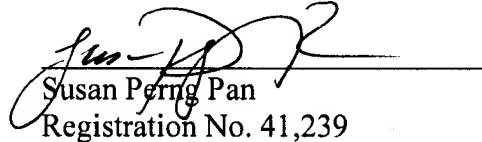
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